

9. (First Amended) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:
forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;
forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad;
removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad,
thereby forming an exposed portion of the metal contact pad;
immersing the substrate in molten solder;
depositing solder on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming a
solder contact; and
annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter in a range of
about 2.5 microns to no greater than 100 microns.

12. (Twice Amended) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:
forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;
forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad;
removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad, thereby
forming an exposed portion of the metal contact pad, the exposed portion having a predetermined
diameter;
adsorbing reactants on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad;
reacting the reactants on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming a
solder contact; and
annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter in a range of
about 2.5 microns to no greater than 100 microns.

13. (Twice Amended) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:
forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;
forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad;
forming a resist layer on the insulating layer;
patterning the resist layer to define a future exposed portion of the metal contact pad;
removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad,
thereby forming the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, the exposed portion having a

predetermined diameter;

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electrolytically depositing solder on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming a solder contact;

removing the resist layer, thereby exposing the solder contact above a surface of the insulating layer; and

annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter in a range of about 2.5 microns to no greater than 100 microns.

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16. (Twice Amended) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:

forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;

forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad;

forming a resist layer on the insulating layer;

patterning the resist layer to define a future exposed portion of the metal contact pad; removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, the exposed portion having a predetermined diameter;

electrolytically depositing a first metal layer on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad;

electrolytically depositing a second metal layer on the first metal layer, wherein the first metal layer and the second metal layer form a solder contact;

removing the resist layer, thereby exposing the solder contact above a surface of the insulating layer; and

annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter in a range of about 2.5 microns to no greater than 100 microns.

Please add new claims 64-67 as follows:

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64. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein annealing the solder contact further comprises annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter of approximately 2.5 microns.